

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

SEDRICK WRICE,)	No. ED102655
)	
Appellant,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.)	
)	Hon. Timothy J. Wilson
STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	Filed:
Respondent.)	March 29, 2016

Sedrick Wrice (“Appellant”) appeals from the motion court’s judgment denying his motion for post-conviction relief pursuant to Rule 29.15 after an evidentiary hearing. He contends trial counsel was ineffective, which caused him to reject the State’s plea offer and proceed to a jury trial.

AFFIRMED.

Division One holds: Counsel’s performance was reasonable. Moreover, there is no prejudice. We defer to the credibility determinations of the motion court, which concluded that Appellant would not have accepted a plea under any circumstances because he maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings.

Opinion by: Robert G. Dowd, Jr., P.J.
Mary K. Hoff, J. and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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